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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, MAY 3, 2011

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Date: May 3, 2011

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Pauma Valley Community Center

16650 Hwy. 76

Pauma Valley, Ca. 92061

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Roll Call. Four Group Members were present: Thomas Mc Andrews, Chairman; Andy Mathews, Vice Chairman; Fritz Stumpges, Secretary; Jim Beezhold.
- B. Meeting called to order 7:05 PM and a quorum was established.
- C. Approval of Minutes: The minutes for March 1 had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. We made minor changes which were incorporated, and read. Tom moved to approve the minutes as amended and Charles seconded it. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote. There was no meeting in April.
- D. Operating Expenses: there were no expenses. The county sent a new form for recording future expenses and copies were distributed.
- E. Community Forum: There were no public visitors and no public comments.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Request for applicants to serve as Pala / Pauma Sponsor Group member seat number 4. Interested applicants should call Tom Mc Andrews at 760-742-0426.
- B. Betsy Sanchez did not sign her letter of (forced by term limits) resignation until after the last meeting. Tom has sent in the letter. We discussed the letter and Jim made a motion to approve her resignation, Charles seconded it and it was approved by 4-0 unanimous vote.
- C. Tom then mentioned that the annual required county ethics training is now mandated for every other year. Training is now available online. We must fill out the certificate of training completion, send one copy to Tom, send a copy to county, and keep a copy of it for ourselves.
- D. San Diego County Board of Supervisors has moved the vote on the General Plan Update to August 3, 2011. They are still working on the 28 or so issues we have been discussing. There will be no more public input accepted. We discussed and agreed to have Tom follow up on the final results of the BOS decisions pertaining to the County Specific Property Requests. We want to make sure we have input on them.

III. NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Tom introduced Tom Duffy, Land Use Environmental Planning Manager of the County Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Department. He gave a power point presentation on the re-vegetation of the Valley Center Road Bridge project. The county completed this nice new bridge on the Rincon Indian Reservation on April 25th. They propose to re-vegetate starting in the fall. (The old wooden 12 post supported bridge was from 1947!) The original vegetation was mapped prior to construction and consisted of Coastal Oak, native grasslands, channel scrub, coastal sage scrub. The new plan is to replact to replace the old with a few more trees. The new vegetation is maintained for 5 years and a percent of survival is made then to ensure proper replacement. The Rincon Band and Fish and Game have made requests for additional oaks and sycamore trees which will be added. Approximate cost is about \$300,000 to install and another \$50,000 / year / 5 years to maintain. Funding was from Federal highways administration 80% and gas taxes 20%. The tribe contributed to the bridge funding. Charles moved that we go on record to support this re-vegetation and to have Tom write a letter to Tom Duffy expressing this support. Fritz seconded the motion, and after several discussions about bike paths and letting the river determine its own course of dominance, we voted to support the project as presented. The motion passed 4-0, unanimous.
- B. Item B: Review possible action on Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians for Fee to Trust, BIA application, for APN 110-040-13, 78.5 acres of tribal land. Tribe says the land is to continue to be used for agriculture. The land is 1 mile north and ½ mile east of the Pala-Temecula Road intersection in town. It is surrounded on 3 sides by tribal land and will surely be approved by the BIA. The loss in taxes to the county \$34,384.52. Discussion ensued as to the possibility of requesting compensation for the loss of county revenue which is needed to fund the county services required for these areas. MOU's are already required for casino impacts but this land is rural agricultural. Charles made a motion that we oppose this transfer of land into trust until we understand that appropriate remediation has been established, Jim seconded it and the vote passed to oppose by a 3-1 margin, with Fritz opposing. We decided that we need to look for official information from the county and BIA on these issues of remediation in fee to trust transfers.
- C. In John's absence, Tom Mc Andrews provided the group with an update report on the Gregory Canyon Trash Dump. Tom reported that John requested the Group's support for AB833. AB833 is sponsored by Juan Vargas and the proposed bill will go before the Senate Appropriations Committee within the next two weeks. AB833 would prohibit proposed dumps from being located within 1000 feet of an aquifer and 1000 feet from a site considered to be of cultural, spiritual, and religious significance to a federally recognized Indian tribe. Fritz made a motion to support AB833 by requesting that John and Tom write a letter of support to the State Senate Appropriations Chairperson and to distribute the letter to our local Senator; Union-Tribune, the Pala Tribe and the Upper San Luis Rey Resource Conservation District. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0) unanimous.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.

Fritz Stumpges, Secretary